

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

“Gas distribution device promotes the desired distribution of the gasses used in the process to flow channels 28 and ultimately to outlets 48.[[.]] The distribution of gasses among the flow channels 28 may be equal or unequal, as desired. Gas distribution device includes one or more apertures [[82]] 28 having powered electrodes 30 disposed therein. An arrangement having a powered electrode 30 dedicated to each aperture is illustrated, or, a plurality of powered electrodes 30 may be disposed in each aperture.”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

“Powered electrodes 30 are electrically connectable to a power supply 100 that supplies the power to powered electrode 30. Power supply 100 may supply the power from an electrically connected power source that is either internal to apparatus 10 or external to apparatus 10. Power source may be a battery, having an optional DC/AC converter, or comprise an external AC source. If AC is used, either a continuous wave/plasma or pulsed wave plasma may be generated. With DC, typically the power source is modulated/pulsed at a suitable frequency[]._One power supply 100 may be connected to powered electrode 30. If desired, different power supplies 100 may be connected to multiple powered electrodes 30 to provide different voltages/amperages to different electrodes 30. The power levels may range from about 1 watt to about 40,000 watts (W), preferably from about 5 W to about 1000 W, more preferably from about 10 W to about 50 W. The voltage levels may range from about 150 V to about 40 kV, more preferably from about 400 V to about 20 kV.”